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In re Application of :  
Lynn A. Tentler *et al* : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/293,858 :  
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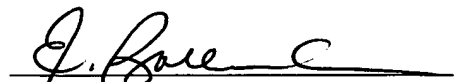
This is a decision on the petition filed on June 13, 2000 by which petitioners request withdrawal of the holding that this application stands abandoned for failure to file formal drawings.

The petition is granted.

Petitioners allege that formal drawings were in fact filed, and that the filing was timely. In support of the timely filing petitioners have included a copy of the drawings, a copy of a post card receipt for the drawings evidencing receipt thereof in the Office on November 2, 1999, and a copy of Express Mail Label No. EL283353030US showing that the drawings were deposited as Express Mail on November 2, 1999.

The evidence clearly establishes that formal drawings were in fact filed on November 2, 1999, well within the three month shortened statutory period set by the Notice of Allowability dated August 30, 1999. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn, and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

PETITION GRANTED.

  
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